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| [020] | According to this variant, the characteristic line is multiplied by a factor        |   |
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|       | that characterizes the driver's activity as a function of the gear change and       |   |
|       | output speed gradient. In this case the characteristic line always gives positive   |   |
|       | values. Alternatively, different characteristic lines are established for various   |   |
|       | characteristic driver behaviors (again as a function of the [[gar]] gear change and | < |
|       | output speed gradient). By averaging between the driver types, intermediate         |   |
|       | types of drivers can be allowed for.                                                |   |

- [022] Below, the invention is explained in greater detail with reference to the figures, which show:
- [023] Fig. 1 is a time-engine speed (n\_mot-t-) diagram, which illustrates the problem upon which the invention is based, [[and]]
- [024] Fig. 2 is a representation of the speed offset as a function of the output speed gradient according to the invention[[.]]; and
  - Fig. 3 is a flow diagram of the method of the present invention.